United States District Court Southern District of Texas

ENTERED

June 26, 2023
Nathan Ochsner, Clerk

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS LAREDO DIVISION

JANE DOE a/k/a LOLA §

VS. § CIVIL ACTION NO. 5:23-CV-40

§ HECTOR RODRIGUEZ et al. §

ORDER

In this civil rights case, Plaintiff Jane Doe has sued Defendants Webb County and Webb County's Sheriff's Office (WCSO) (Dkt. No. 2). WCSO has filed a motion to dismiss, which argues it is a non-jural entity with no independent legal standing from Webb County (Dkt. No. 11). Ms. Doe's deadline to respond lapsed on June 9, 2023. See J. Garcia Marmolejo Civ. Ct. P. 6(A)(4). To date, Ms. Doe has neither responded nor filed a motion for an extension of time. Accordingly, the motion could be granted as unopposed. See S.D. Tex. L.R. 7.4.

Nonetheless, the Court has reviewed WCSO's motion and the applicable authorities. WCSO is correct—it is a non-jural entity that cannot be sued. *See, e.g., Khnanisho v. Rivera*, No. 2:22-cv-233, at *1 (S.D. Tex. May 18, 2023) (dismissing San Patricio County's Sherriff's Department as a non-jural entity). Accordingly, WCSO's motion to dismiss (Dkt. No. 11) is **GRANTED**. The Clerk of Court is **DIRECTED** to **TERMINATE** WCSO from this action.

It is so **ORDERED**.

SIGNED June 26, 2023.

Marina Garcia Marmolejo
United States District Judge